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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF RUTH WHO WAS OBSERVING THE GERMAN MILITARY MANEUVER GROSSE ROCHADE, WE MET WITH FONOFF MBFR DEPUTY OFFICE DIRECTOR GESCHER ON SEPT. 16 TO MAKE THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. GESCHER AGREED MUCH TACTICAL MATERIAL WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE US APPARENTLY ALREADY HAS A DRAFT TEXT, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE FRG TO SEE IT, IF ONLY TO DECIDE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO TABLE SUCH A PAPER IN BRUSSELS.

2. SPEAKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS ABOUT POSSIBLE TACTICS, GESCHER THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE A BAD IDEA IF THE US WERE TO UNDERTAKE A BILATERAL APPROACH
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OPTION III IN VIENNA, ADVISING THE ALLIES LATER OF
THE SOVIET REACTION.

3. GESCHER SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE US SUGGESTION
ABOUT THE UTILITY OF A TACTICS PAPER IMMEDIATELY
WITH AMB. ROTH AND WITH RUTH TOMORROW WHEN HE RETURNS.
HE SAID THE FRG WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE US
WITH THEIR VIEWS LATER IN THE WEEK.
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